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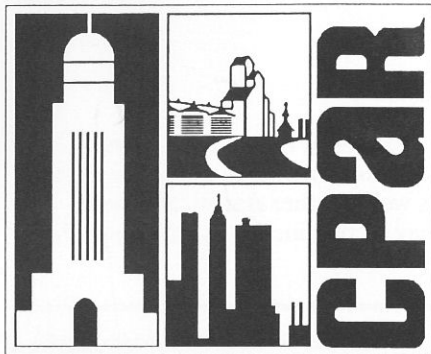
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Data Center Offers Products on Census Population Figures

Since the final 1990 Census counts have been released, The Nebraska State Data Center at UNO's Center for Public Affairs Research (CPAR) has averaged 20 to 25 requests for information each day, and usage has doubled on the NEB-INDEX electronic bulletin board.

To meet these increasing interests and needs for the community, the Data Center has developed several

interpretive products based on the 1990 population figures released by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

To obtain copies, complete and return the order form provided or call the Nebraska State Data Center. Please include the nominal fee indicated. For further information, contact **Jerome Deichert**, CPAR Senior Research Associate and Director of the Data Center.

5 MINUTE MANAGER'S MEMO

Final Census Figures Show Gain in Hispanics, Nonwhites in Nebraska

Recently released 1990 Census figures indicate Nebraska's non-white and Hispanic population increased 25.2 percent in the past decade, while the state's white, non-Hispanic population declined 1.0 percent.

Jerome Deichert, CPAR Senior Research Associate and Director of the Nebraska State Data Center, notes the following changes when comparing 1990 figures to 1980: total population, +0.5 percent; white, -0.7 percent; black, +18.6 percent; American Indian, Eskimo and Aleut, +35.0 percent; Asian and Pacific Islander, +77.4 percent; other races, +4.9 percent.

Population figures by race are available for all of Nebraska's cities, towns and counties down to the block level. The next information from the Census Bureau is scheduled for release in late 1991.

Available Interpretive Reports

1. Population Change: 1980 to 1990

Report 1—State, Counties, Cities & TownsFree
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Survey Used In Child Care Testimony

CPAR research consultant **Patricia Funk** provided testimony February 14 to the Health and Human Services Committee of the State Legislature in support of LB836, the Quality Child Care Act.

Her testimony included these findings from a statewide survey of 600 parents of pre-school children which she conducted for CPAR:

A majority of parents have a problem finding high quality or affordable or accessible child care services. Rural and low income families are most likely to face these problems.

Seventy-two percent of Nebraska youngsters under age 6 are in regular child care, compared to the national average of 62 percent.

Of the 72 percent in child care arrangements:

- 79 percent are in home-based programs, compared to 66 percent nationally; and
- almost half are located in homes of child care providers who are not related, which is twice the national average.

Copies of the survey report, *Nebraska Preschool Child Care: 1990*, as well as other statistical reports, may be obtained by contacting CPAR.

Buttress To Head State Development

Steve Buttress, who started February 1 as Director of the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, served as facilitator in Elgin and Superior for CPAR's S.T.A.R.T. Economic Development. He calls for teamwork between state agencies, colleges, local and regional development groups and utility companies to provide a strong resource network to help Nebraska communities improve their futures.

Governor Nelson appointed Buttress to the state post from Kearney State College, where he had been vice president of college relations for about 10 months. A native of Columbus, Ohio, Buttress is former president of the Buffalo County Nebraska

Economic Development Corporation in Kearney.



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